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ITLA 2012 Candelight Service

Thursday, August 29, 2012

7:00 PM

First Metropolitan Community Church of Atlanta

Guest Speaker: Sharon D. Smith

Sharon D. Smith is the author of Love and Liberation (2007) Strapped (2009), and Still Strapped (2011). She is also the founder and chief editor for Seven Stages Publishing House, LLC. She is the publisher on record for Fina's You Think You Know and has worked with other Atlanta writers as well. Sharon has a BA in English from Ga. State University (2002), an MA in Organizational Management from Univ. of Phoenix (2005), an MS in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Univ. of Phoenix (2012), and is currently a Ph.D. student in I/O Psychology at the Univ. of Phoenix. Sharon is currently working on the establishment of a non-profit organization to assist men and women who are fighting breast cancer.

ITLA 2012 Interfaith Service

Sunday, September 2, 2012

2:30 PM–4:30 PM

Lower Level, Norcross Room

Guest Speaker: Angela Harvey

Angela, affectionately known as "Angie" is a highly sought after speaker, clinician and radio talk show host. She has surrendered her years of experience as a Licensed Social Worker, conference/workshop presenter and her profound passion for inspiring GROWTH in others, into service unto God and to others. Her message personifies Apostle Paul's desire for all humankind to "prosper and be in good health even as your soul prospers". Physical, mental and emotional growth, which must accompany spiritual growth, is often over looked within our communities and culture. Angie is delighted to share her gift and insight, to the glory of God. Angela can be heard every second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. PST, on www.blogtalkradio.com/e3radio or phone in @ 646-478-4395.

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Sunday: 11:00 AM Celebration Worship Service

11:00 AM Children's Sunday School

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Celebrating 16 Years in our Community!

To all my Beautiful Black Sisters and Brothers,

On behalf of the "In the Life Atlanta" Organization, we would like to welcome you to Atlanta and our celebration of Black Pride. During this weekend we hope that the name "Hotlanta" will take on many different meanings for each of you.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Unity can work," symbolizes our 16 year Anniversary and our focus on maintaining current, new and potential relationships that are built from many facets of our community as we continue to honor diversity and talents of our LGBT brothers and sisters by deeply celebrating the past, present and future. We invite you to unite with us as we collectively work together to celebrate the wonderful diversity that exist within all of us. We invite you to unite with us as we take on the responsibility of engaging in dialog about important issues that affect us mentally, physically and spiritually. We invite you to unite with us as we laugh, read poetry, sing, dance, party or just enjoy being with each other. Let's let the spirits of community guide us.

We thank you for considering being a volunteer for this event. Volunteer times for each event are shown on our web page(event listing), or you may also volunteer for one or more of the committees listed (Hospitality & Registrations, Logistics or other committees.

The mission statement of In the Life Atlanta is: ITLA serves to promote unity, pride, self-empowerment, and positive visibility within Atlanta's Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender community of African descent through education, advocacy, and coalition building programs. We hope you will take these words to your heart not only this weekend but as you travel back to your respective cities.

Enjoy your stay.

Sincerely,

Nanu Rivera, Hospitality & Registration, Chair
Wayne Fullenwider, Hospitality & Registration, Co-chair

List of Events

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

7:00PM - 10:00PM Candlelight Vigil @ First MCC of Atlanta

Thursday, August 30, 2012

6:00PM - 10:00PM Pre Registration @ Meliaí Hotel

6:30PM - 10:00PM Chocolate and Creme VIP Reception @ Meliaí

Friday, August 31, 2012

10:00AM - 11:59PM Black Pride Marketplace @ Meliaí Hotel

10:00AM - 11:59PM Registration @ Meliaí Hotel

8:00PM - 10:00PM 2012 Opening Ceremony @ Meliaí Hotel

11:59PM - 2:00AM SpeakFire @ Meliaí Hotel

Saturday, September 01, 2012

10:00AM - 11:59PM Registration @ Meliaí Hotel

10:00AM - 10:00PM Black Pride Marketplace @ Meliaí Hotel

10:00AM - 4:00PM Health Expo & Life Expo @ Meliaí Hotel

10:00AM - 3:00PM Literary Cafeí @ Meliaí Hotel

10:00AM - 5:00PM Workshops @ Meliaí Hotel

12:00PM - 2:00PM Community Luncheon & SBGA Summit @ Meliaí Hotel

2:00PM - 10:00PM See Us In The Life Film Festival @ Meliaí Hotel

10:00PM - 2:00AM Dance Party @ Meliaí Hotel

10:00PM - 3:00AM Black Pride Pub Crawl @ Meliaí Hotel

Sunday, September 02, 2012

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10:00AM - 10:00PM Registration @ Meliaí Hotel

12:00PM - 3:00PM Jazz Brunch @ Meliaí Hotel

2:30PM - 4:30PM Interfaith Service @ Meliaí Hotel

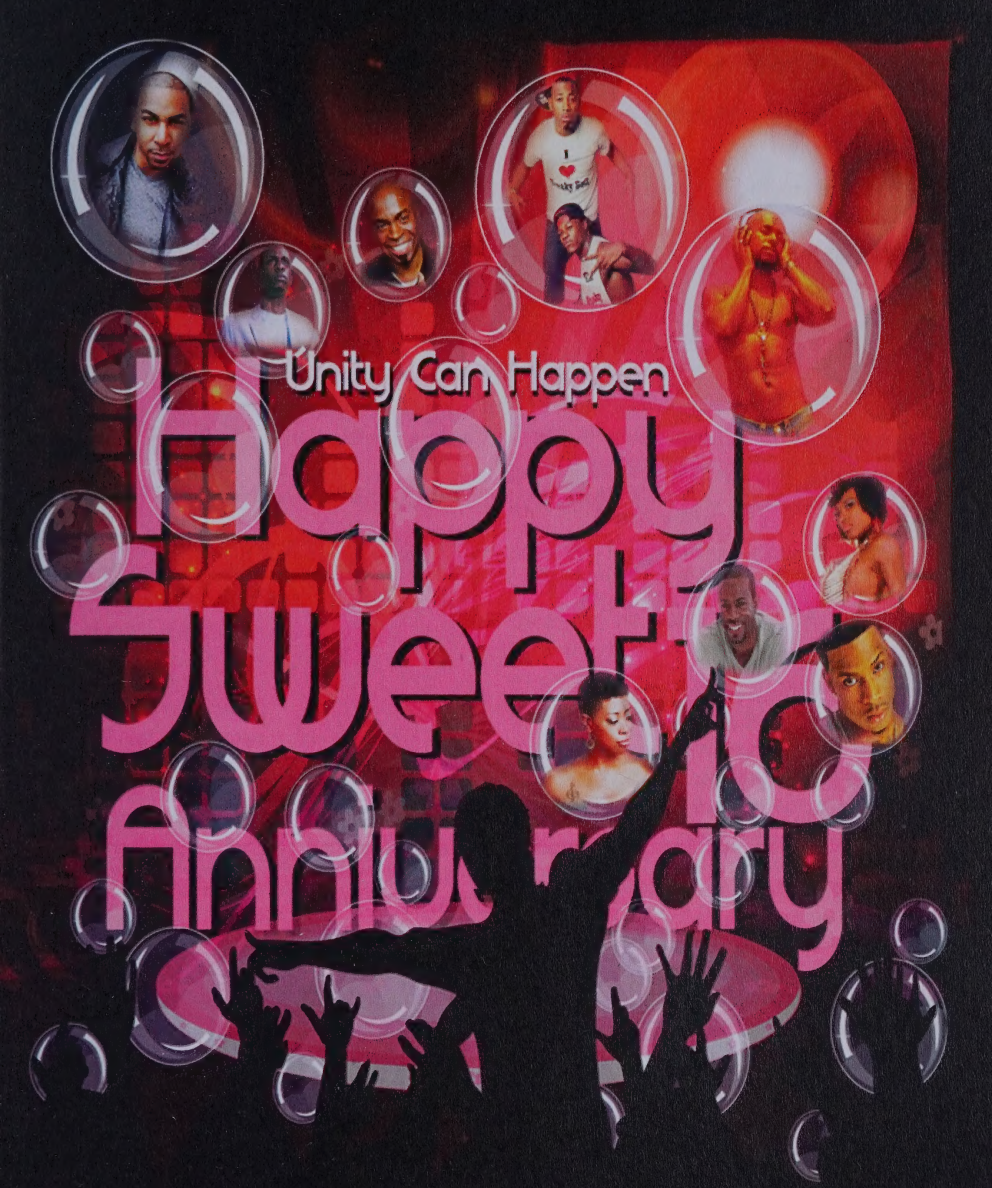
3:00PM - 6:00PM Atlanta Dream Vs. Connecticut Sun @ Philips Arena

8:00PM - 11:00PM Fashion Show @ Meliaí Hotel

Monday, September 03, 2012

10:00AM - 5:00PM Black Pride Marketplace @ Meliaí Hotel

10:00AM - 12:00PM Registration @ Meliaí Hotel



HOSTS

Maurice Jamal - Uriah Bell

OPENING CEREMONY ARTISTS:

Damien Crawford - Freaky Boiz - Phoenix - Jurni Rayne

Marck Angel - Darren the soul entertainter - Ms Comai

friday - august 31, 2012

8pm - melia hotel
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Host

Uriah Bell currently resides in Boston, MA, is more than an artist; he bears multi-dimensional talents - as poet, publisher, activist, and speaker. He began formally publishing his writing in 2008 with his freshman collection of poetry "Mood Swings" a personal expose of intimate self-reflection.

In 2009, he founded Rising Voices Press, an independent publishing company focused on promoting and publishing the written voices of the Black LGBT community. In 2010, his 2nd collection of poetry Epiphany: Poems in the Key of Love (Rising Voices Press), a collection that explores the various platforms of love met publication, and in 2011, his 3rd collection of poems, also entitled Mood Swings: poems and other rants, was released under Rising Voices Press.

An activist in the struggle around HIV/AIDS, he is a 2011 fellow in the Black AIDS Institute's AAHU Community Mobilization College. He currently sits as Chairman of the board of Hispanic Black Gay Coalition, and as well, hold a seat on the board of directors for Fire and Ink, , and Shades of Pride / Triangle Black Pride in Raleigh, NC. He also currently serve as Editor-in-Chief of Truth Magazine,

Jurni Rayne; a unique Adult Contemporary vocalist/artist. This Dallas, Texas native has a great sound and unique flair and is well versed in guitar, piano and flute, but, it is the voice that captivates. Recent single, "A Song for Her".

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Marck Angel is a highly versatile music artist whose soft, yet skilled, countertenor vocal styling is only matched by his talent for songwriting and producing. Most recently, he released, "Deep" - the pop/dance infused theme song & music video to the award winning #1 LGBT motion picture, "Finding Me: Truth."

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DARREN "THE SOUL ENTERTAINER" Singer, Poet, Songwriter, Entertainer, as well as advocate for the LGBT Community in the fight against HIV & Aids with his involvement with the New York based organization "LifeBeat.org". "Reaching Out 4 You", first single released in November "08", The Beautiful Struggle. debut album "In Search Of..." released December 2010. Sophomore album "Instant Gratification" due in stores & online November 13th 2012.

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Damien Crawford "The Prince of Urban Pop." a gifted singer, songwriter, entertainer and performer who dominates the stage with electrifying performances. His musical genre is Hip-hop, infused with Pop and R&B i.e. "Urban Pop." Current releases: Debut EP, "THE CRAWFORD CHRONICLES," June 2011. "THE REIGN." February 2012, via iTunes and Amazon. New International hit single "Love Over Life". Recent features: DBQ, Bleu, and Krave magazine!

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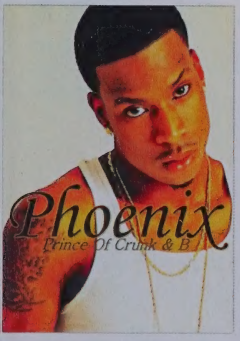
Phoenix Originating from Virginia is a man of many talents. His first single, "Make Em Say Oww" co produced by Kanja, 'The Afrikan King', was his debuted into the music industry. He is a part of the ITLA family as he is the official choreographer of the 2011 ITLA fashion presentation.



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K. Michelle speaks her mind and makes no apologies for it. Taking a vow to stay true to herself, K. Michelle understands that part of being a noteworthy new artist isn't just possessing talent but having something to say.

"I'm the biggest advocate of being yourself," says Michelle, who considers music to be her therapy. "People can believe in you all day long, but if you don't bring it to light or nourish it, it doesn't matter." Each song she writes is a soundtrack to a life that started in Memphis, TN. A life that lead to the title of her debut album, Pain Medicine, which will be released this Fall on Hitz Committee/Jive.

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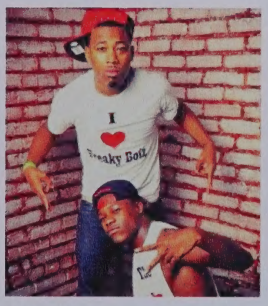
The Freaky Boiz of Chicago, Illinois is a hip-hop duo; Pierre "Pweezy" Phipps and Terrance "TTgotit" Wilson. Recent appearances "New Now Next" The Logo Chanel. Their singles include "Girls Be Gaggin", "Freaky Boiz", and a newly released original track called "Bounce".



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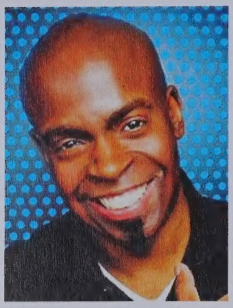
Maurice Jamal is recognized in the entertainment industry as being one of the few contemporary African American filmmakers to consistently profile the lives of the black community in film.



He wrote, directed and starred in the independent gay and lesbian romantic comedy The Ski Trip in 2005. The film premier helped launch the LOGO Network in 2005, and was their sole programming featuring people of color until Noah's Arc debuted later that year.

Tameka Armstrong, known as Comai on stage, has captured the attention of many with her distinct originality, while making a significant impact early in her singing career. . Comai is smart, sassy, insightful and very real. She conveys her own experiences and observations on life and love with vivid storytelling imagery in her music. "I put sweat and tears into what I do, my voice and my lyrics. I'm not doing this just to sell records, I want to make history," says Comai. "I'm a multi-faceted artist. I sing, write music, dance, act and model."

In The Life Atlanta , the official organizer of Atlanta Black Gay Pride

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ITLA's LITERARY CAFE PRESENTS

WRITING: OUT AND LOUD

A CELEBRATION OF WRITING IN THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

FEATURING

DANIEL BLACK
AUTHOR OF **PERFECT PEACE**

CHRISTOPHER BECKWITH
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MODERATED BY **TIM'M WEST**

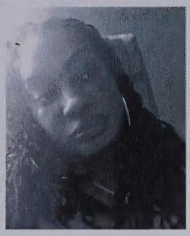
AUTHOR RECEPTION FOLLOWING

Literary Café 2012

black girl love Anondra "kat" Williams

"black girl love" is a collection of well-crafted contemporary stories told from a black girls

perspective on life and loving other "grown" black girls. Full of highs, lows and sex thrown in



the middle of, "black girl love" contains over twenty-five stories and poems covering life, love and sex and featuring characters you will love, hate and want to f*ck all at the same time.

Anondra "Kat" Williams is a writer, poet, radio host and all around lover of words.

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Sharon D. Smith is the author of **Love and Liberation** (2007) **Strapped** (2009), **and Still Strapped** (2011). She is also the founder and chief editor for Seven Stages Publishing House, LLC. Strapped and Still Strapped, discuss the challenges and issues two self-identifying studs encounter on their road to acceptance within their own community. Throughout the books, the main characters are tossed into a world of drama, deception, and cover-ups. The main focus of each book is how stereotypes and homophobic attitudes within the Black GLBT community essentially keep these two dynamic characters desperately searching for peace, respect, love, and acceptance.

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In **RAW,** "Jamal" the alias name of the author who chooses to remain anonymous, tells newly renowned author, **Christopher Beckwith** his story of homosexual incest starting first with his brother, and then his father, before taking readers down the path of the rest of his life as he insists on indulging in unprotected sex with multiple partners, reckless behavior and HIV/AIDS. He wants to expose the behavior of sexually active individuals who engage in risky behavior so readers will understand why new cases of STDs and HIV are on the rise. He educates readers on how easily some sex partners lie about their status without giving a thought to the consequences of their actions.

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First-time Author **Sean La'Mont** vividly creates a fictional novel about a heterosexual man who falls in love with the woman of his dreams only to realize it was all a façade. This book is titled "**THE TRUTH KILLS**" and is realistically written from numerous perspectives. Sean drew from gay and straight experiences to compose a contemporary and heartwarming tale. "Matters of the heart are universal," the author said, "Regardless of sexuality, we all desire love and affection."Sean conceived the basis for the story from a dream and believes the book and series will develop understanding and insight between straight and gay relationships. The series captures the triumphs and tragedies and answers that internal question does true love conquer all.

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Dwayne Vernon is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, and an Honorable Veteran of the United States Navy. His career in writing begins in 1992 with a collection of poetry. In 2007, his first novel, "My Man, My Boyz" was released and became a best seller with great reviews. In June 2009, his sequel to his first works "Deception, Lies and Truth" hit the shelves, and his third Novel entitled, "Roman" released in the Summer of 2011. His most recent and fourth novel, "Vengeance" was released in May of this year and is a feature presentation of 2012 ITLA Black Gay Pride Celebration's Literary Café.

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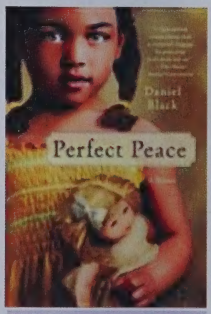
Daniel Black, Perfect Peace:

Daniel Black's third novel—after They Tell Me of a Home and The Sacred Place—is a complex, imaginative story of one unforgettable black family in mid-twentieth-century Arkansas. Author Black, a professor at Clark Atlanta University, raises grand questions about truth, gender, sexuality, redemption, and even retribution by keeping a tight focus on the Peace family. The story has elements that seem biblical, mythical, and folkloric all at once, with a transformative river



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named Jordan flowing throughout: 'Just as [Paul] stood, the Jordan began to sing him a lullaby . . . He would recall the tune years later and hum it whenever his past threatened to overwhelm him. For now, he listened until his heart was clean. Until his heart was clean. Until he was free."

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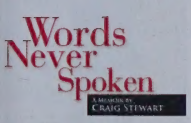

Craig Stewart is one of America's most gifted writers. His work debuted on stage in Atlanta with A Day in the Life, wowing sold out audiences and critics alike. Stewart returns with his highly anticipated memoir, **"Words Never Spoken"** released May 2012. Said to be Stewart's most revealing and personal work yet,details his journey as a songwriter, entrepreneur, playwright and self-discovery as a gay Black man living in Atlanta. "Words Never Spoken" reads like a diary that was never intended for the eyes of anyone other than its author. Stewart opens up about his struggles with love, friendships and a two-year bout with depression that led to an internet sex addiction.

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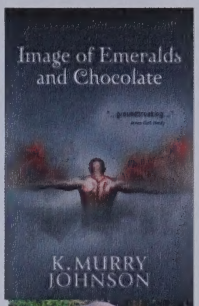
K Muurry Johnson, Author and Speaker



Set in Louisiana, Image of Emeralds and Chocolate masterfully explores sexuality, race, and the supernatural.

The story follows Eric Peterson, a talented high school senior enrolled in a creative writing course

at Loyola University. Insecure and inexperienced, he often daydreams about finding love. His fantasies quickly become reality when a strikingly attractive new student, Marquis LeBlanc, is assigned as his writing partner. But the man of Eric's dreams is hiding something.

Marquis is a very powerful vampire, who was born into slavery over two centuries ago. He uses his extraordinary abilities to aid the plight of black people from slavery to civil rights to present day. If Marquis reveals his secret, will Eric accept him...or even believe him?

"This novel represents the culmination of a thirteen-year journey: to create a unique and meaningful black gay

love story that also brings to life the seductive, elusive world of vampires,"

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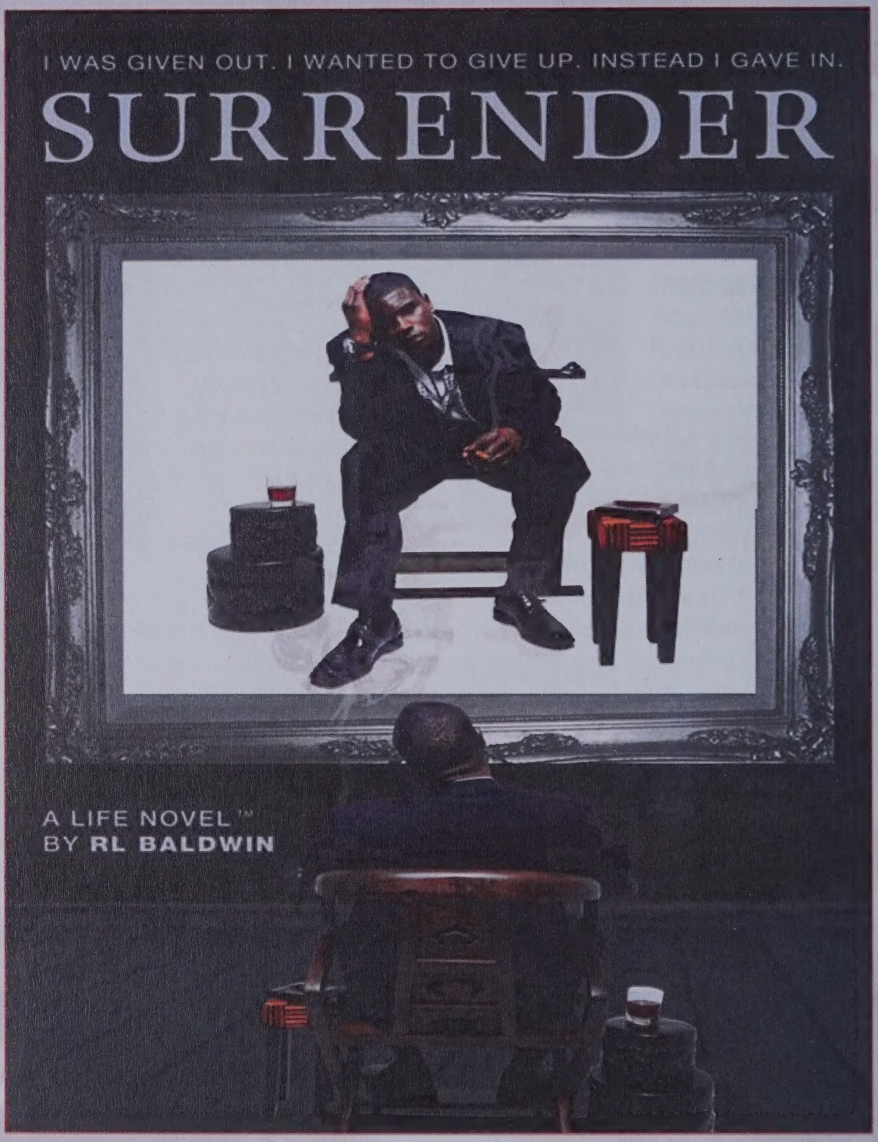

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Kevin Gholson Determined to not let his sexuality be his "identifier", Kevin continued on a path to be a model black male in the gay community.

It was not long before he realized that there were many gay black males who struggled with most of the emotional and verbal bashing that he himself had to deal with. He believed his life experiences could possibly help others and began to write his first book "No Fats, No Femms..." which was released in July of 2011. Kevin hopes to be a voice for those who have lost their sense of self-worth and to be an inspiration everyone.

"TJ grew up knowing he was different, but nothing could prepare him for the situations he would face in his adult life. No Fats, No Femms... tells the story of TJ's experiences as he grows up and discovers what its like as a gay black male struggling with his weight. With numerous failed relationships and countless rejections, this story is sure to touch on topics that most gay black men can relate to. Readers are sure to laugh, cry, and ""gag"" as they ride the emotional roller coaster with TJ and learn the meaning of the infamous phrase ""No Fats, No Femms..."""

Literary Café Host

Black, gay-identified, feminist, POZ, and working class, **Tim'm T. West** has embraced all of who he is and, with laser-beam precision harnessed the power of his truth to illuminate, celebrate, inspire, provoke, and bear witness. As a teacher, performance artist, author, and culture producer. As a solo Hip Hop artist, Tim'm released "Songs from Red Dirt" on Cellular Records in 2004. The critically acclaimed solo debut provided a musical complement to his first book, 2002's "Red Dirt Revival: a poetic memoir in 6 Breaths." "Flirting" (2007), Tim'm

West's second full-length poetic memoir book follows his chapbook, "BARE: notes from a porchdweller" (2005). In the same year that "Flirting" was published, Tim'm completed his second solo album "Blakkboy Blue(s)" which was also met with great critical acclaim. In Fall 2008 and in support of the campaign against CA's Proposition 8, Tim'm created a chapbook "Love In Full Color" that is also available upon request.

Nationally, Tim'm has continued to host the 'Front Porch' series, a Spoken Word

2012 Film Festival

2012 Film Festival

Sept 1, 2012 | 2PM to 10PM | $15

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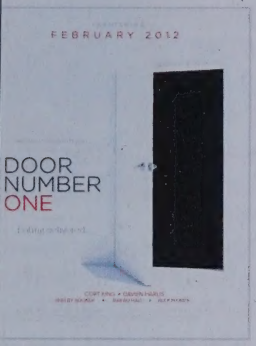
Celebrating Pride at the Movies

ITLA Film Festival 2012

Door Number One

By Jeff Kitchen

Door Number One is the first short from Atlanta based production company, Eight Peace Productions. It's a quirky tale about, Doug, a young black same-gender-loving gentleman looking for romance in the age of digital-disposable dating. Unusual occurrences will lead to an obsession but in the end perhaps the "boy" is next door.



Doug spends his days and nights working diligently, dating and romance perpetually on the back burner. A random act of recognition leads to an unexplainable phenomena that opens Doug's mind to a world of new possibilities and unlimited passion. Blinded by his new obsession Doug doesn't realize what is staring him right in the face.

Door Number One, (2012) (20 minutes)

Directed by
Chase Adair & Jeff Kitchen

Screenplay by Jeff Kitchen

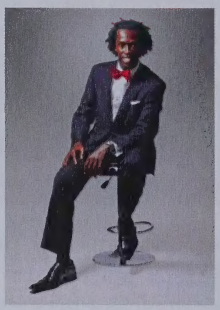
Internet Date

By Jason L. Bunkley

Directed by: YVETTE D. BENNETT

Written by: DWAYNE VERNON

Synopsis: "Tyrone a curious casual surfer of favorite dating site arranges a night cap with an online friend. To his surprise he gets more than he bargains for when realizes he's been bamboozled by a false identity."



Jason L. Bunkley, a Cleveland, OH natives journey into film-making is beginning to take shape. The Atlanta child transplant made this discovery during his college years at Atlanta's American Intercontinental University. In 2009 he produced his first music video "Rescue Me" for gospel artist, Algernon, which was first of many celebrations. In 2010 he graduated with a Bachelors of Art in Media Production from American Intercontinental University, served as line producer for the 18th Annual Trumpet Awards Red Carpet

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show, and became an active influence in the local film community.

A Different Kind of Girl

By Leslie Cunningham

Laine Brown, a spirited and passionate male impersonator born on North Carolina's rural coast,

transforms by taping down her breasts, shaving her head, and studying the masculine

performances of today's most famous male entertainers- to become the incomparable NATION TYRE, show-stopper and ground-breaker for women in drag.In the new feature documentary film M.I., A Different Kind of Girl, filmmakers, Leslie Cunningham (producer/ director) and Alana Jones (co-producer) enter the world of new millennium drag and pick up the torch ignited by films like Paris is Burning to investigate attitudes in their own LGBT and African-American communities about women in drag. In the process, they uncover powerful ideas about female gender identity and sexuality in not only the mainstream popular culture but also within the marginalized LGBT and African American communities"where Nation"has made a name for herself."

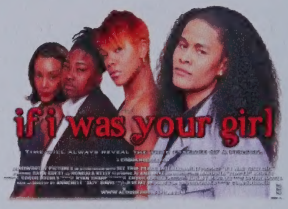
Introducing Laine Brown as Nation Tyre; The House of Tyre of Atlanta, NC's

top drag queens, Breyannah Allure and Paris Brooks; and many more. Featuring music and special commentary by Hip Hop#s hottest female duo,"KIN4LIFE.

If I Was Your Girl

By CoquieHughes

IF I WAS YOUR GIRL (2012): Two urban lesbian couples spiral down hellacious paths involving sex, abuse, and misuse. Starring: Dana Guest, Temper, Rondala Kelly and Alana Mike. Written & Directed by CoquieHughes. Produced by Jeremy M. Jones (84 Minutes).



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Finding Me

By Roger S. Omeus, Jr.

The romantic drama, directed by Roger S. Omeus, Jr., centers around a group of love-and-sex-obsessed friends navigating the joys, and pratfalls, of relationships. The film is the exciting follow-up to the crowd pleaser, "FINDING ME" and both films are excitingly rare yet essential entertainment about the queer, African-American experience. In the tradition of "Punks" and Logo TV's "Noah Arc" "FINDING ME: TRUTH" turns its fresh, playful lens on the loves, losses, fights and jealousies of a group of close-knit friends in Jersey City. Faybien (RayMartell Moore), who is sweet, bright-eyed and emotionally vulnerable, is comfortable with his "gayness" but is wrestling with some self-esteem issues. His love life is put into an emotional spin when his ex-boyfriend, Lonnie (Derrick L. Briggs), returns wanting to reignite their relationship. Faybien's friends, who regularly are supportive, are dealing with their own dramas including Reggie (Eric Joppy), who is in love with a non-committal bisexual, high-strung "queen bee" Amera (J'Nara Corbin) is certain that her boyfriend is cheating on her and muscular, sexy Jaylen (Maurice Murell) is too busy confronting his rough trade boyfriend's girlfriend.

Epidemic Chronicles

By Lance Forrest

Lance Forrest is not a household name – not yet. The very thoughtful and rather introspective writer, director and producer of the upcoming film Epidemic Chronicles: No One is Exempt speaks with passion and conviction when discussing the project. The film, shot on location in Atlanta, Ga., deals with the forlorn and hot-button issue of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community. Candidly, Forrest's film takes viewers on an emotional ride as they peer into the lives of five African-American men, from five major cities, whom are all connected by one truth: They are HIV positive and they have all contracted the disease from the same individual – a promiscuous male. What this film says is that you can't judge a book by the cover," Forrest declares. "We see the lives of six guys, five of these guys are infected by the one individual. You have the married guy, the student, the hustler and two who are open about who they are. Forrest's goals within the next five years is to release four films of varying genres that some may find surprising coming from such a socially conscious filmmaker.

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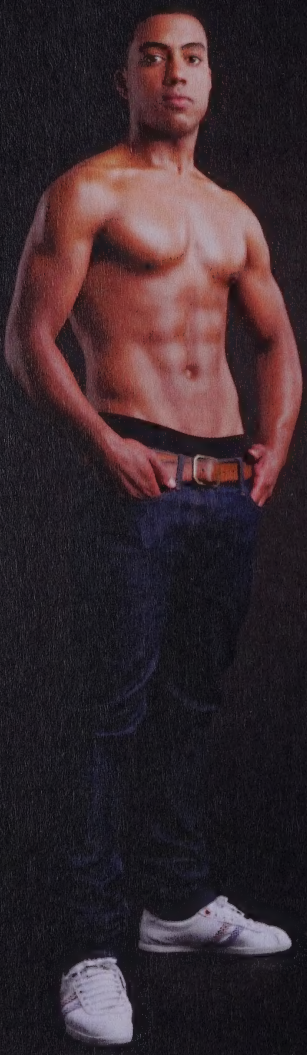

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Welcome To Atlanta

From the Desk of the ITLA President

Greetings:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to "In The Life Atlanta Inc."(ITLA) 16th Annual Black Gay Pride Celebration, our "Sweet Sixteen," celebration. Your willingness to come from as near as Metro-Atlanta to as far away as Europe to participate in our celebration of pride, culture, diversity, art, music, food, education fun and entertainment demonstrates your commitment to participate, celebrate and support LGBTQIA of African descent.

This year's theme "Unity Can Happen," recognizes the continued need for collaborations, education, advocacy, leadership, activism, and yes unity to affect positive change toward everyone's greater quality of life. There is strength in genuine and sincere unity; it allows our presence to be validated and our voices to be heard

It is ITLA's board members, volunteers and supports hope that you will embrace the weekend and all it has to offer specifically educational workshops, health & life expo, films, literature, fashion show as well as the restaurants, entertainment and nightlife our great city.

I have been honored and humbled to serve as your President of In The Life Atlanta Inc. for the past four years, and I want to offer my deepest thanks to our board members, volunteers, new and returning sponsors for your contributions not only for our Black Gay Pride weekend but for your participation in all we do.

I again welcome you to this six-day event focusing on our community and our responsibility.

Warmest Regards,

Raymond R. Duke

President-In the Life Atlanta

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August 31, 2012

Greetings:

As Mayor of the City of Atlanta, it is my great pleasure to welcome In the Life Atlanta as you host *Atlanta Black Pride*.

Since its inception, *Atlanta Black Pride* reflects the rich cultural history of Atlanta's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender population, and attracts tens of thousands of people annually. Now in its sixteenth year, the weekend long celebration has evolved to become one of the most anticipated events in the southeast. The City of Atlanta is proud to host the world's largest black gay pride celebration which brings a variety of fun and entertainment to all who participate.

Black Gay Pride Weekend will be a festive and exciting occasion that embraces all of our citizens and highlights the diverse cultural landscape in Atlanta. In addition to In the Life Atlanta, I would like to also commend all event coordinators including Traxx Atlanta INC, Traxx Girls, The State of Black Gay America Summit, SkateBoyz SkateGirlz Atlanta, WassupnATL, Who's Who Atl, RockStars Productions, Xplosion Entertainment, Atlanta Dollhouse, Lion's Den Atlanta, Blue Diamond Entertainment, M.Y. ATL Productions, FAB 5 ATL, RT PARTIES, The Stars of the century (O.W.E) Our World Entertainment, Privileged 1 Entertainment, LovHer Atl, and Southern Xplosion Atlanta. Your invaluable contributions and hard work make Atlanta Black Pride a truly successful weekend of events.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I am proud to extend best wishes for a memorable celebration.

Sincerely,

Kasim Reed

Welcome To Atlanta

The ITLA Board Members

Our Mission

To promote unity, pride, self-empowerment and positive visibility within Atlanta's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community of African descent through education, advocacy, and coalition building programs.

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WELCOME TO ATLANTA

FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BLACK

August 2012

Greetings:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate In The Life Atlanta (ITLA) on the occasion of their 16th Annual Atlanta Black Pride celebration. ITLA is a proud member of the International Federation of Black Prides, Inc. (IFBP) joining with members and affiliates in Atlanta; Albany, NY; Buffalo and Rochester, NY; New York City; Newark, NJ; Pittsburgh; Philadelphia; Washington, DC; Raleigh-Durham; Columbia, DC; Louisville; Jacksonville; Nashville; Memphis; New Orleans; Jackson, MS; Charlotte; Tampa; St. Louis; Chicago; Detroit; Houston; Indianapolis; Oklahoma City; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Dallas; Los Angeles; San Diego; Portland, OR; Seattle; London, UK; Toronto, Canada; and Johannesburg, South Africa.

The IFBP is a 501 (c)(3) organization and a coalition of black pride organizers formed to promote a multinational network of LGBT Pride and community-based organizations dedicated to building solidarity, promoting unity, and ensuring the development of education, economic empowerment, and individual and collective work, responsibility, and self-determination. The mission of the IFBP is to build awareness of and pride in the diversity of the black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Atlanta Black Pride remains the largest gathering of the Black LGBT community in the world with tens of thousands of attendees each year. What sets Atlanta Black Pride apart from other Black Prides and circuit parties? Good old fashion southern hospitality and an attention to details. There are so many things to do both socially and culturally during Atlanta Black Pride that there is something for every attendee. I have attended Atlanta Black Pride many times and this event remains one of my favorites. I wish each attendee a safe and festive Black Pride in Atlanta, GA. Congratulations and continued success!

Peace,

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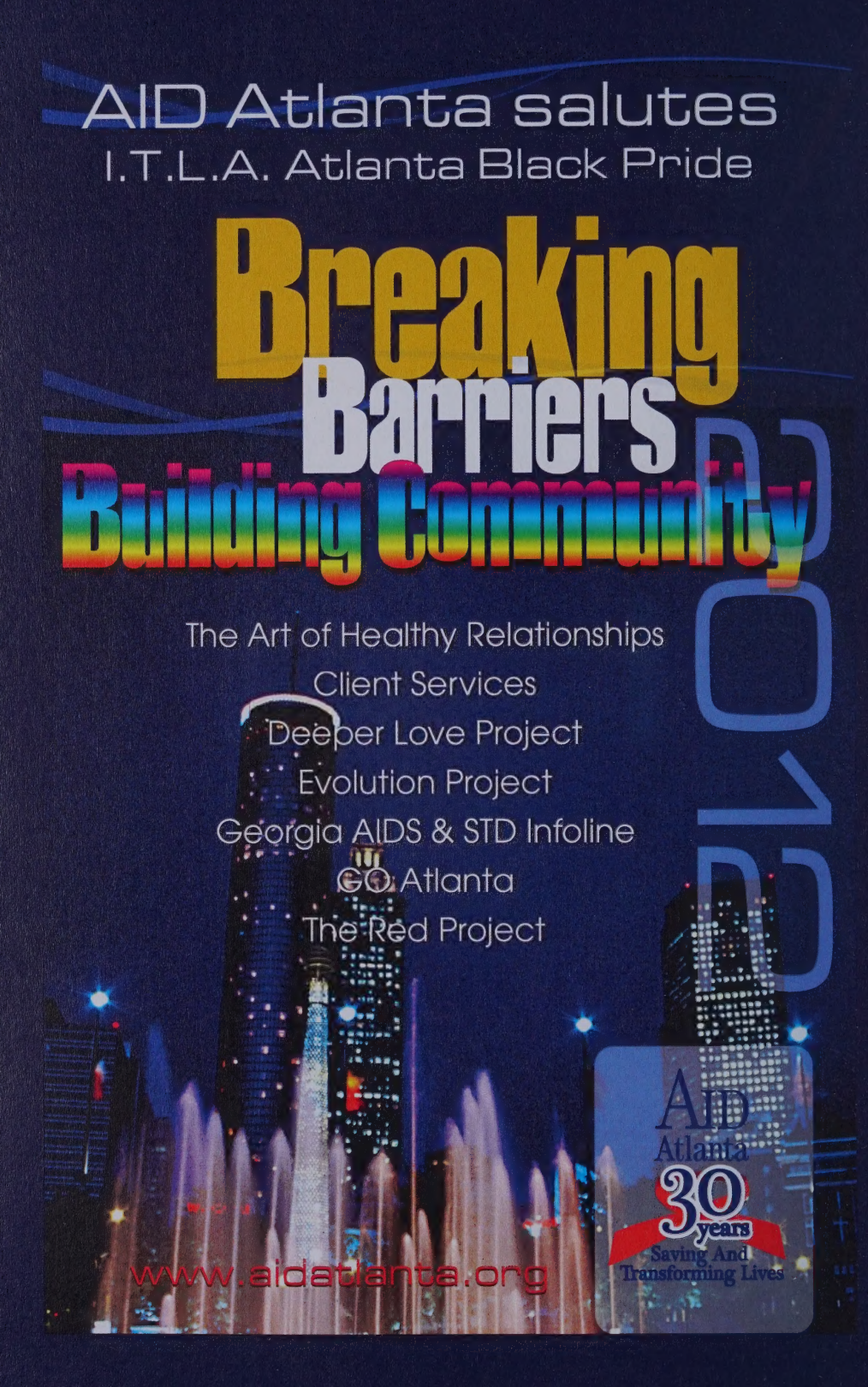
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ITLA PERSONAL WORKSHOPS

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10:00 -11:30 - Buckhead room
(1)Studs AGS butches- Facilitator Adrienne Thomas

Studs, AG's & Butches-Oh, My!
Stud, AG, butch- what's the difference? Is there a difference? You've opted to label, how do you decide which label to use? What is the difference between ascribed labels and chosen labels? What exactly is it that makes a stud a "stud", an AG an "AG", and more importantly, what gets you excluded or your card revoked? This interactive and fun workshop is guaranteed to get the proverbial party started! It's designed by, for, and about the Black and Latina stud/AG (masculine-identified lesbian

10:00-11:30-Roswell room
(2) LBGT FINANCIAL FOCUS. Facilitator Shavon Roman

This workshop will help domestic partners help themselves to be prepared for events in their lives - and pursue the future they deserve. From last will and testaments, This workshop will help domestic partners help themselves to be prepared for events in their lives - and pursue the future they deserve. From last will and testaments, life insurance or becoming your partner's power of attorney. This workshop with helps you step by step in planning for you and your partner's future. Life insurance or becoming your partner's power of attorney. This workshop with helps you step by step in planning for you and your partner's future.

10:00-11:30 - Peachtree A
(3) Sex and the Sprit- Facilitator Rev Kathi Martin

As same gender loving persons we sometimes consider sexuality and spirituality to be mutually exclusive. At times this perceived split is at the root of shame and/or irresponsibility among some in the LGBT community. This workshop explores the ways in which sexuality is a sacred gift from the Creator, which is to be celebrated. We will discuss how we honor that gift in others and ourselves in life enhancing ways including sexual responsibility.

10:00-11:30 - Peachtree room
(4) Fighting for a Cure for breast cancer-Facilitator Thomasine Leachman
Knowing the risk, getting educated by your family about any history of breast cancer, Knowing when to get screened, knowing how your breast look and feel. Making healthy lifestyle choices.

10:30-12:00-Boardroom 25th floor
Facilitator Uriah J. Bell

(5) Living and Dying in Denial: The Truth about HIV /AIDS in Black MSM Communities.
Purpose: Discuss the reasons why Black men don't get tested, why and how we disclose, what we do with information received, taking control of ones health, before and after HIV. We will also discuss our internal 'cups' and why we fail to fill them. We will talk about the presumed face of HIV

11:30-1:00 - Lenox Room
(6) A better understanding of the African American Transgender Experience.
Facilitator DeeDee Chamblee.
Identity vs. Orientation: Sexual orientation is which sex you find erotically attractive (hetero, homo or bi). Sex - physically: male, female, or in-between. Gender identity is how one defines for themselves their gender. Important Distinctions: Gender identity and sexual orientation are different things every individual has a biological sex, a gender identity and a sexual orientation. All can be considered fluid, or potentially changing.

11:30-1:00 - Lenox Room
7) Growth- Facilitator Angela Harvey

Will the Real Lesbian Please Stand Up? Come Out, Come Out Where ever You Are!, That's Not Love, That's Stupid! And Same Sex, Different Everything Else are just a few of the workshops that she has created that draws people out and keep them following her where ever she is speaking. Through Let's T.A.L.K. Ms. Harvey hosted the first ever Black Lesbian Personal Growth Retreat. She continues to find ways to display her talents and expose others to the importance of emotional and mental well-being.

1:00-2:45-Roswell
(8) Title: Black Gay Youth Activism 101: facilitator Charles Stephens

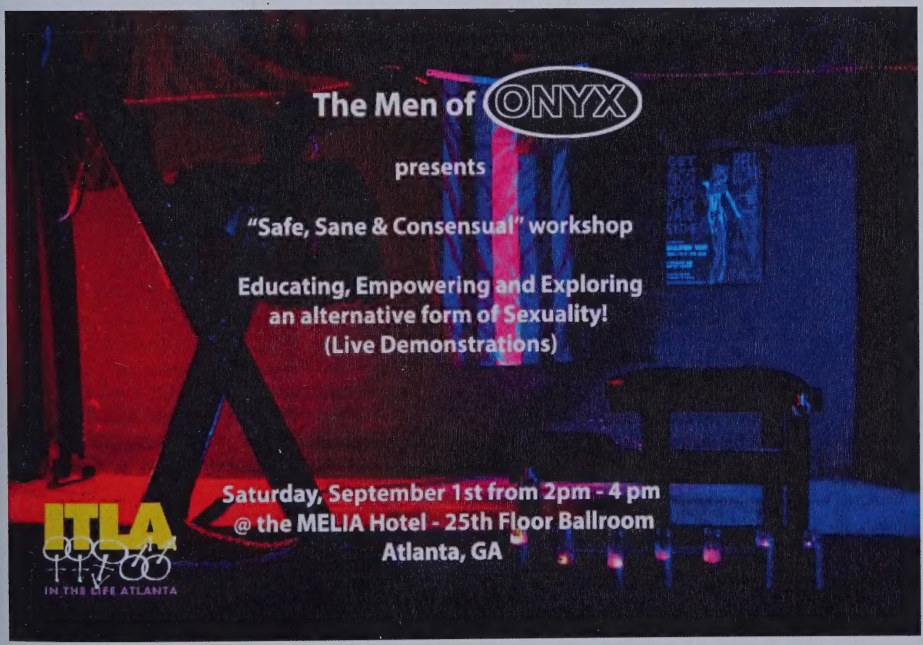
Learning Objectives:-introduce participants to different forms of activism -to provide information on getting involved in activism -to introduce participants to activism and theory. This workshop will consist of a panel of black gay youth activists sharing their experiences. The panel will cover different types of activism: community organizing, media activism, policy/advocacy, and theory. Audience members will also have a space to share their experiences and perspective as it relates to activism

2:00-4:00 Lenox Room
(9) Consensual Kink for Womyn: Facilitators Daddi Cole and Soko

This two-hour workshop with demos will be presented by a D/s couple for attendees over 18. This presentation will give you the language and context to begin/continue conversations about kink with YOURSELF, a lover or a potential partner! The couple will discuss safe sex practices for several alternative forms of adult play; healthy guidelines for forming a BDSM contract; and warning signs of Abuse and Domestic Violence within these contexts. Daddi Cole, a retired Professional Counselor who is active in the Leather Community.

2:00-4:00 Chastain Room- 25th floor
(10) Consensual Kink for Men: Facilitators Men of ONYX

1st hour is discussion the concept of "Safe, Sane and Consensual" in regards to Leather-BDSM play. Field questions from the audience. 2nd hour is demos!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